GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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UNDERGROUND MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any schemes to convert underground mines into opencast mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of underground mines have been converted/proposed to be converted into opencast under the scheme, State-wise, mine-wise; and

(d) the extent to which the production ofunderground minesincreased after conversion to opencast?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER AND MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE)

(a) : As per available information, there is no proposal with Government in respect of non-fuel minerals to formulate scheme to convert underground mines into opencast mines.

(b) to (d): Does not arise in view of (a) above.